

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.
Yesterday's bank clearings were \$10,235,196, balances \$1,672,562. Local discount rates were steady, between 5 and 6 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 100, 100; Chicago, 100, 100; St. Louis, 100, 100; Cincinnati, 100, 100; Louisville and New Orleans, 100, 100; and all other cities, 100, 100. Wheat closed higher at 75¢ bid Dec. 85¢ bid May, 80¢ No. 2 red, 75¢ No. 2 hard, 75¢ No. 2 mixed, 75¢ No. 2 Northern. The local market for spot cotton was steady and unchanged.

WASHINGTON.

The Supreme Court decides that the duty collected on imports from the Philippines after the signing of the treaty of peace was unconstitutional, but that the collection of duty on goods imported into Porto Rico from the United States is valid under the Foraker act. The first decision in the so-called "Fourteen Hundredth" case, which has been pending since the Philippines were taken, became domestic territory and therefore no longer subject to the provisions of the Foraker act, was decided in favor of the United States. The second decision in the case is based on the opinion in the *De Lima* and *Dowry* cases—that Congress has the right to enact special laws or tariff legislation for the new insular possessions.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Reports of a trust to control scrap iron and steel interest local dealers.
The St. Louis Republican Club will elect officers and perfect the new machine for controlling Federal patronage tonight.
President Joseph L. Hornsby of the City Council may officiate as judge advocate of the tannin investigation to be conducted by a Council committee and the Board of Health.

A keystone from a window on the third floor of the Continental Bank building falls and stuns one man.
The December Grand Jury impaneled yesterday will continue the gambling inquiry.
The church collections for the Saturday and Sunday Hospital Association show a big increase this year.

Union Market is stocking up for the holiday trade with plenty of game and fruit.
Miss Annie Jones and Robert Duiff of Louisville, Ky., married at Clayton at midnight.
Brother Paulian returns to the Christian Brothers' College after three years' absence abroad.

Mrs. Edward L. Bookwalter of Springfield, Mo., has been appointed the eighteenth member of the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair.

Albert R. Gilbert, 3 years old, for whose possession habeas corpus proceedings are pending, found in a Madison building-house.
The St. Louis, Kirkwood and Manchester Railroad Company obtains a franchise in St. Louis County.

The United States Court of Appeals decides in favor of John C. Teller of Colorado in the suit against the United States.
Arguments in the patent-right suit in which the Bell and Kinsch telephone companies are interested are heard.
The change of beneficiaries in an insurance policy raises an intricate law point, which the Federal court will decide.

The Federal court of Appeals rules that *sales answers* given by an applicant invalidates an insurance policy.
Important decisions handed down by the United States Court of Appeals.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

In the Bonine trial yesterday witnesses were introduced to show that no improper relations existed between Ayres and Mrs. Bonine.
Major Edwards of Springfield, Ill., received fatal wounds from a falling lamp. He accidentally knocked over a lamp.

The National Live Stock Association begins its fifth annual meeting at Chicago to-day. The cattle show was begun yesterday.
The gathering and shipping of Christmas trees from the Maine woods proves this year to be a larger industry than ever, thousands of once-useless trees being shipped to all parts of the country.

Joseph V. Harding, former cashier of a bank, has returned. While absent, Harding's wife secured a divorce from him and he married again.
While unloading freight from an ocean liner a man was found in a packing case. He was taken out in a dying condition and unconscious. The steamer had been fifteen days in coming from Hamburg.

Charles Peters, an employee of a packing plant at St. Joseph, Mo., blows his head with a shotgun while lying in bed beside his roommate.
The arrest of a former bookkeeper of the Bank of Liverpool, and the testimony of witnesses as to how the combination operated in the loss of the bank's \$100,000, were the features in the great financial-gambling scandal of England.

A cablegram from Copenhagen states as a fact that the United States has purchased the Danish West Indies, and that the treaty will be signed in Washington this week.

SPORTING.

The Western Field Trials Association opened its season at Glasgow yesterday.
A Chicago pugilist, who engaged in a prize fight recently, has been injured in the contest. It is possible that as a result of this death boxing in public will be prohibited by Mayor Hatcher.

Examination of the hull of Shamrock II shows that she is in an unsafe condition and that an attempt to tow her back to England probably would have proved disastrous.
The Flisr Stable won four of the six events at New Orleans, the winners of the day being Lou Woods, Swindson, Donna Beay, Tom Collins, Euterpe and Menace.

RAILROADS.

Fight between the Burlington and the Northwestern for trackage rights in Omaha probably is ended.
Frederick Weyerhaeuser succeeds Colonel W. P. Clough in the directorate of the Great Northern Railway.

The Illinois Central was a "baby" in 1853 and borrowed money to build a depot. Cotton Belt is making surveys for lines into New Orleans and Beaumont.
Report is denied that Waco and Northwestern have been sold to Texas Central.

Western railroad presidents at meeting in New York may ask Congress for new pooling bill.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Leith, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Imogen, San Francisco, Montevideo, etc., via Havre.
Glasgow, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Sarnatan, Montreal. Sailed: November 2, Rosarian, Portland, Ching-Wu, Seattle.
London, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Montevideo, Montreal.
Gibraltar, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Furst Bismarck, New York for Naples, etc.
Liverpool, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Ivernia, Boston.
Bremen, Dec. 1.—Sailed: Cassel, New York.
New York, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Calabria, Naples; Friedland, Antwerp.

HEALTHY BLOOD.

The blood is the source of strength. If you are weak you need a medicine to tone up your stomach and make plenty of rich red blood. The medicine to do this is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It will not shock the system and it cures indigestion, dyspepsia, heartburn, belching and malaria, fever and ague. Try it, also obtain a copy of Hostetter's Almanac from your druggist.

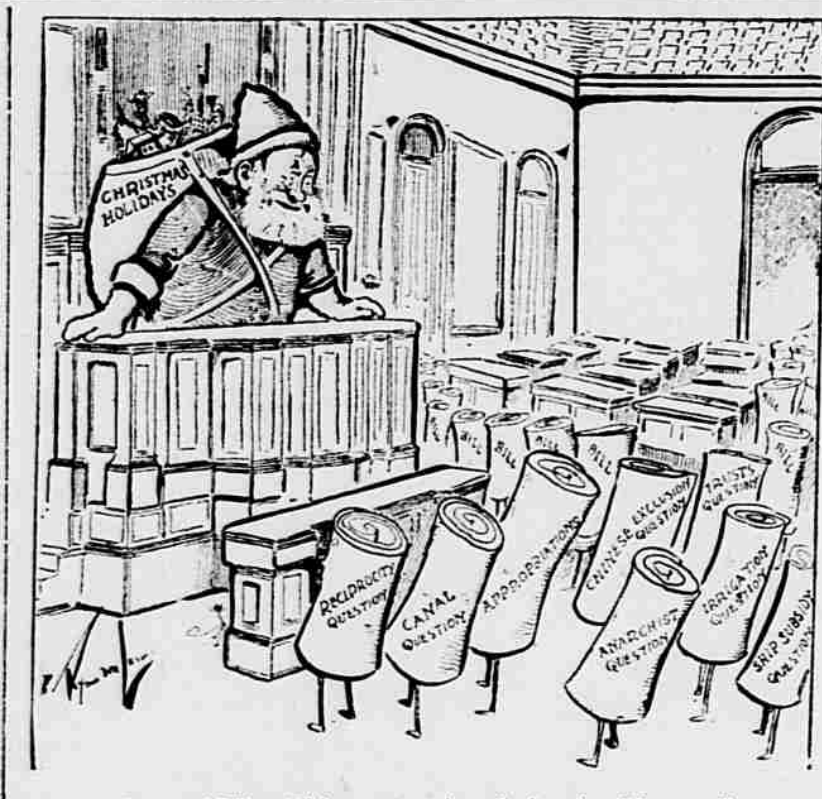
HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS.

The Republic Bureau, 10th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, Dec. 2.—The nominal Democratic leadership of the Senate will rest as heretofore in Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas.

Mr. Jones is chairman of the National Committee, is a man of wide experience in legislation and familiar with the record of both parties on all the leading issues of recent years. He is a straightforward, vigorous Democrat, a man of high personal character and possesses the qualities of leadership.

Mr. Jones will be seconded ably by Senators Vest and Cockrell, and the party has been strengthened greatly by the election of Senators Bailey of Texas and Carmack of Tennessee, both men of marked ability. It will be strengthened still further when Arthur P. Gorman of Maryland takes his seat the 4th of next March.

COULD NOT REACH THEIR SEATS FOR MASS OF FLOWERS.
An hour before noon both the public and private galleries were thronged with spectators, every available inch of standing-room being occupied. Senators assembled slowly. Mr. Keane of New Jersey was the first Senator to appear in the chamber. He was closely followed by Mr. Tillman of South Carolina and Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts.



Chorus of Bills: "We've got to wait until after that fellow goes."

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

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were appointed a committee to escort the Speaker to the chair. As General Henderson appeared two minutes later on the arm of Mr. Richardson, the Speaker was greeted with a great outburst of applause from both sides of the House. Mr. Richardson introduced him in half a dozen words. The Speaker addressed the House briefly, saying:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives—This honor which you have conferred on me I profoundly appreciate. All the more do I appreciate it, coming as it does, with this generous expression from both sides of the chamber. There is yet left another method of a greeting to express his appreciation of such an honor; that is, by a kindly, manly and faithful aid. We proceed under law and the rules that govern this body. It may be my aim to discharge impartially the duties of this office. As I said in the opening of the last Congress, no presiding officer can successfully administer the duties of his office unless he has the support of the body over which he presides. I asked for it then, and gave it to me throughout the entire Congress. Permit me once more to invoke that patience, kind and splendid support which was accorded to me in the last Congress.

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Again, sincerely thanking you each and all, I am ready to take the prescribed oath of office. OATH ADMINISTERED AND OFFICERS OF HOUSE ELECTED.

The honor of administering the oath to the Speaker fell to Mr. Bingham of Pennsylvania, the oldest member of the House in point of continuous service.

The Speaker then in turn administered the oath to the members-elect. They came forward in State delegations as their names were called.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, the Speaker laid before the House the resignation of Mr. Nicholas Muller, a Representative from the Seventh Congressional District of New York, to take effect December 1.

Mr. Cannon of Illinois then presented the following resolution for the election of officers of the House:

Resolved, That Alexander McDowell of Pennsylvania be and is hereby chosen clerk of the House of Representatives; that Joseph H. McMillan of Wisconsin be and is hereby chosen sergeant-at-large; that Wm. J. Glenn of New York be and is hereby chosen chaplain.

Mr. Hay of Virginia, on behalf of the minority, presented a substitute resolution containing the names of the candidates selected by the Democratic caucus last Saturday.

The usual formal resolutions to notify the House of Representatives that Henry Casson of Michigan be and is hereby chosen speaker, and that Mr. Bingham of Pennsylvania be and is hereby chosen clerk, were adopted.

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Twelve o'clock, noon, was fixed as the daily hour of meeting of the House of Representatives. Then, under a resolution offered by Mr. Steele of Indiana, the seat drawing took place.

Mr. Robb and Champ Clark, both of Missouri and both Democrats, were the first names called. Mr. Gibson of Tennessee, and Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, were the first names called on the Republican side.

Before the drawing began, Mr. Sherman of New York, asked unanimous consent that Mr. Groves of Pennsylvania, an ex-Speaker of the House, and Mr. Bingham of Pennsylvania, the "Father of the House," be allowed to select their seats without drawing. Similar requests were made from the other side.

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chusetts, who after took his seat and buried himself in a newspaper.

The venerable Senator Vest of Missouri was in his seat twenty minutes before the body was called to order. He was accorded a respectful reception by his old colleagues. By noon practically every Senator in the city had appeared in the chamber.

Many of them made no attempt to reach their seats on account of the wealth of floral offerings, which fairly filled the desks and aisles.

Precisely at 12 o'clock Mr. Frye of Maine, President Pro Tem of the Senate, stepped to the front of the chamber.

The blind chaplain of the Senate, the Reverend William Milburn, then delivered the following invocation:

God of our fathers, thy servants of this chamber are come together for the opening of the Fifty-seventh Congress, with kindly feelings each for the other, and impressed with the sense of duty and ardent desire for the welfare of the nation, and yet there comes to us the oppressive sense of an unbreakable law, the departure of our friend and leader, and the cheer of the nation, by the hand of the anarchy.

O Lord God, let thy pity and grace come to all the people of this land by reason of this unbreakable law, as thy servant, the widow, sits alone and bereft, may thy comfort and consolation come to her.

Grant O Lord, that we may duly feel the loss and sorrow attendant upon the departure from earth of a member of this body, a Senator, a friend, a leader, and a patriot, and in behalf of thy servant, the senior Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Sewell) and grant that the body may be blessed by his presence, and may be blessed by his place upon this floor again crowned with thy loving kindness.

Grant thy grace to every member of this body and to all who are dear to them, and so may the light and favor of God, our Father, be with us all now and ever.

FOR NEW SENATORS PRESENT CREDENTIALS.

Credentials were presented by Charles H. Darr and Joseph H. Millard of Nebraska, Alfred B. Kittredge of South Dakota and Paris Gibson of Montana. Mr. Frye administered to them the oath of office.

Formal resolutions were offered by Mr. Cullom of Illinois that the House be notified that the Senate was ready to proceed to business; by Mr. Allison that the hour of meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock noon, and by Mr. Hale of Maine that a committee of two Senators be named to join a similar committee of the Senate to wait upon the President and notify him that a quorum of the two houses had assembled.

Mr. Hoar objected to immediate consideration, saying it was the universal practice of the Senate to transact no business until the President had been informed that Congress was prepared to do business.

A profusion of floral offerings, quite unusual in quantity, in variety and in beauty, was introduced by the members of the House into a veritable flower show. Almost every member of the body was the recipient of one or more of these evidences of the regard of his friends, and the atmosphere of the chamber was heavy with the odor of rare plants and blossoms. The display of chrysanthemums was notably beautiful, many of the specimens being of the choicest varieties.

Since the adjournment of the Senate last spring the chamber has been redecorated. The principal features of its beauty and individuality have been retained, but they have been added to by the artistic decorations. A bright green carpet with old gold figures has taken the place of the old gold carpet, and the desks and furnishings of the chamber have been improved.

The resolution was withdrawn temporarily.

Recess was taken until 2 o'clock, but so recessed the adjournment of the House, having been received at that time, Mr. Gumbler of South Dakota formally announced the death of Senator Kyle of that State on the 1st of July.

He offered the usual resolution expressive of the sorrow of the Senate, and after its adoption, the Senate, as an additional mark of respect, adjourned until to-morrow.

PLACES ON COMMITTEES TO BE MADE FOR REPUBLICANS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Republican Senators in caucus to-day authorized Senator Allison to appoint a Committee on Order of Business, also a committee to fill vacancies on the committees, both composed of nine members. The latter committee was directed to increase some of the important committees, in order that places may be found for the Republican Senators in accordance with the increased membership of the party.

RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING LATE PRESIDENT TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Resolutions respecting the late President McKinley will be introduced in the House by Representative Grosvenor to-morrow simultaneously with the resolutions of the Senate. Forer in the Senate of the same resolutions.

The isthmian-canal bill will come in later. Representative Hepburn of Iowa saying that it would not be deferred until the opening of the session on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

SENATOR BURROWS'S BILL TO KEEP OUT ANARCHISTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Senator Burrows of Michigan will introduce a bill to-morrow providing for the exclusion and expulsion of all anarchists. By its provisions the Bureau of Investigation is authorized to search for anarchists among the foreigners coming to this country and ascertain by pertinent questions as to his antecedents his opinions as to governments or whether he belongs to any society or association with anarchistic tendencies; and it may examine the person of such alien for marks indicative of such membership. The board may accept or reject the testimony of common reputation as an anarchist, and orders, decrees and judgments of foreign governments and police notifications as prima facie evidence, which may be rebutted by the testimony of such alien.

When an anarchist escapes this inquiry he may be seized by the Commissioner General of Inquiry, and if, after a thorough and satisfactory inquiry, he is found to be a menace to this Government as an anarchist, may be deported to the country from which he came.

ANTI-ANARCHIST BILLS ARE ALREADY NUMEROUS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Anti-anarchist bills are coming to the front thick and fast, and it is not probable that some legislation in this connection will be among the early acts of Congress.

Among the first of the bills to be presented will be that of Representative Gresham of Pennsylvania, which will be presented to-morrow in the House. It provides, first, that any person belonging to a society which advocates or encourages the taking of human life shall be deemed an anarchist, and second, that any anarchist, as such defined, who shall attempt the life of any person belonging to the United States, elective or appointive, shall, upon conviction in a United States court, be sentenced to death.

DELEGATE FLYNN EXPECTS STATEHOOD BILL TO PASS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Delegate Dennis Flynn said to-night that he was more than ever confident that the House would pass a bill admitting Oklahoma as a State. Mr. Flynn reintroduced the statehood bill this afternoon, and following the usual course, it was referred to the Committee on Territories.

Knox of Massachusetts is expected to be chairman of this committee and Mr. Flynn a member.

After the adjournment to-day, Mr. Flynn expects to be in the United States in the phases with Mr. Knox and other members of the Territories Committee of last Congress and ascertain their views.

He was very much gratified over the result. The chairman expressed himself emphatically in favor of admitting the Territory, and other members expressed similar friendly views.

It is likely that arrangements will be made for hearings at which supporters of the statehood bill will go before the committee and urge that the bill be favorably reported.

Mr. Flynn will at once start a vigorous campaign for statehood and he expects the House to pass his bill early in the session. He reintroduced to-day, but Mr. Flynn does not think these measures will in any way jeopardize Oklahoma's chances.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Representative Lloyd of the First Missouri District introduced in the House to-day a joint resolution providing for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people. He introduced a similar resolution in the last Congress. The House decided by an overwhelming vote in favor of such method of election, but the matter was not considered in the Senate.

Mr. Lloyd says that the experience of the States in the selection of Senators in the last two years proves the wisdom of such legislation more forcibly than heretofore. Nearly all the State legislatures have demanded the passage of such an act, and many industrial societies and all the farmers' organizations have requested that Congress take action on such an amendment.

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